(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Originally a Government letter dated 15th July 1969 conveying approval to the proposal for construction of a Memorial by the Village Panchayat was sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, with a copy to the Chairman, Village Panchayat, Issur Village, Shimoga District. This Government letter was merely changed into a formal Government Order dated 16th July 1969, as it was considered to be a better form for conveying Government orders.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) This is being ascertained from the Divisional Commissioner, Bangalore Division. The Memorial is to be raised by the Village Panchayat.

(*f*) There is no specific proposal for sanctioning any amount towards the costs of the Memorial under consideration of Government.

Tetanus cases in Belgaum Civil Hospital

48. Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Tetanus cases occurred after operations weres performed in Belgaum Civil Hospital from 1st January 1969 to 30th October 1969 ;

(*b*) the reason for the incidence of the Tetanus after operation were performed ;

(*c*) whether any experts opinion has been taken by the Civil Hospital authorities in t' is connection ?

Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Five.

(*b*) The probable reasons for infections are cross injection of other septic cases and of the attendants of the patients attending the hospital especially from rural areas.

(*c*) A meeting of the Surgeons, Physicians and Bacteriologist was held. The Bacteriologist collected samples of suspected materials from the Operation Theatre for Bacteriological test. The test revealed that the sample matetials collected were found to be sterile (negative for Tetanus).